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1. INDOCHINA

THREE ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING MOST SVN NEWSPAPERMEN
DEMAND THIEU FIRE NEPHEW, INFO MINISTER NHA, FOR
ARBITRARY CENSORSHIP AND SYSTEMATIC PRESS HARASSMENT
(WP; GLOBE). NATL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY ATTACKS NHA'S POLICY
AND ACCUSES HIM OF INVOLVEMENT IN CORRUPTION (WP).
PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE SAYS FOUR MINISTERS, INCLUDING
NHA, OFFER RESIGNATIONS. THIEU ACCEPTS, BUT ASKS THEM
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TO STAY ON UNTIL NEW CABINET SET UP. OTHER RESIGNATIONS

ARE FINANCE, AGRIC AND TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTERS (REUTER SAIGON). AP SAIGON SAYS THIEU FORCED RESIGNATIONS IN ATTEMPT TO QUIET CRITICISM FROM US AND POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS AT HOME.

GVN SOURCES CONFIRM THAT THIEU'S OFFER LAST MONTH TO NEGOTIATE GIVEN COLD SHOULDER BY COMMUNISTS, WHO DEMAND HIS OVERTHROW AS PRECONDITION TO PEACE TALKS. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SAIGON SAY HANOI AND VC APPARENTLY SAW AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS THIEU'S SENDING TOP AIDES TO JAKARTA LAST MONTH TO TAKE UP GOI OFFICIALS' OFFER TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY FOR PEACE TALKS. VC TWO WEEKS AGO ISSUED OWN PEACE MANIFESTO CALLING FOR OVERTHROW OF THIEU, END TO US

MIL AID AND NEW, LEFT-OF-CENTER SAIGON ADMIN (UPI, CHITRIB).

UPI BANGKOK (BALTO N-A 10/23) REPORTS DETAILS OF SECRET CIA WAR IN LAOS ARE BEGINNING COME TO LIGHT. RECOUNTS HISTORY OF "WAR BY PROXY" SINCE 1970 WHEN NVA POURED IN 100,000 TROOPS TO BUTTRESS THINNING PL RANKS, AND CIA RECRUITED THAI IRREGULARS WHEN IT STARTED "RUNNING OUT OF LAO SOLDIERS." SENATE REPORT SAYS FUNDING FOR IRREGULARS WAS TRANSFERRED FROM DOD TO CIA AND THEN TO THAI COMMAND. GEN. VITOON YASAWASDI, FORMER NOMINAL COMMANDER OF IRREGULARS AND NOW ASST DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BANGKOK POLICE, IN INTERVIEW SAID THAT 6-800 THAIS WERE KIA, AND RETURNING THAI POWS RECEIVE 400 DOL BONUS PLUS BACK PAY.

RAMSEY CLARK'S 1972 HANOI TRIP BECOMES ISSUE IN NY SENATORIAL RACE. JAVITS CHARGES CLARK WAS "EXPLOITED BY HANOI," BASED ON FORMER POW'S LETTER (WEISMAN, NYT). SPOKESMAN SAYS CIA GAVE JAVITS "UNCLASSIFIED" TAPES OF RADIO HANOI MONITORED DURING CLARK VISIT (KUTTNER, WP). JAVITS PICTURES CLARK AS "VOICE OF HANOI" (POSTER, NYDN).

2. KOREA

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REUTER (SEOUL) REPORTS DONGA ILBO REPORTERS BOYCOTTED WORK THURSDAY FOLLOWING ROKG DETENTION OF HANKOOK ILBO'S PRESIDENT-PUBLISHER AND QUESTIONING OF MANAGING EDITORS OF BOTH PAPERS BY KCIA, ACCORDING INFORMED SOURCES. ALL WERE RELEASED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER BEING HELD FOR UP TO 36 HOURS, SOURCES SAID. QUESTIONING HANKOOK ILBO PEOPLE REPORTEDLY INVOLVED SAIGON REPORT BY PAPER'S ROVING CORRESPONDENT ABOUT MOUNTING ANTI-GVN PROTESTS;

SOURCES ADDED THAT DONGA ILBO PEOPLE WERE QUESTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH STORY ABOUT STUDENT TROUBLES. DONGA ILBO REPORTERS BEGAN BOYCOTT AFTER PAPER REFUSED TO PRINT MANIFESTO OF PRESS FREEDOM; SAID THEY WILL CONTINUE BOYCOTT UNTIL IT IS PRINTED.

ROKG ANNOUNCES 30 PERCENT PAY RISE AND EXTRA ONE MONTH'S SALARY AS YEAR-END BONUS FOR ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO KEEP PACE WITH SPIRALING LIVING COSTS (REUTER, WP).

3. CHINA

UPI (AGANA, GUAM) REPORTS SEN. FONG SAYING IN TV INTERVIEW EN ROUTE HOME FROM TOUR OF JAPAN, KOREA, OKINAWA AND ROC THAT US SHOULD NOT OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH

PRC. MAINTAINED: "THERE ARE SOME INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT WE CANNOT SOLVE AND I BELIEVE THE ISSUE OF THE TWO CHINAS IS ONE OF THEM. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE IT ALONE." FONG ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT US-PRC TRADE SHOULD CONTINUE (WP, NYDN).

AFP (TAIPEI) REPORTS ROC HAS BANNED THURSDAY CELEBRATION OF UN DAY BECAUSE IN GROC EYES UN HAS CEASED TO EXIST (WP).

IN INTERVIEW WITH JOC'S FULLER, NCUSCT PRES PHILLIPS SAYS THAT IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, PRC HAS POTENTIAL OF EXPORTING ONE BILLION DOLS IN OIL ANNUALLY -- DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD BE 'MORE THAN ADEQUATE' TO SUPPORT INCREASED IMPORTS INTO THAT COUNTRY. SAYS EXPORTS OF CHINESE OIL WILL CONTINUE GROWING, PRODUCTION IS INCREASING FASTER THAN DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION, AND PEKING HAS BEGUN EXPLORATION IN GULF OF POHAL. CHINESE HAVE PURCHASED UK AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SCANDINAVIAN DRILLING EQUIPMENT ARE NOW BEGINNING TO BUY FROM US FIRMS. AS FOR POSSIBLE EXPORTS OF OIL TO US COMPANIES, PHILLIPS SAID ARRANGEMENTS "ARE POSSIBLE UNDER WHICH THEY WOULD SUPPLY EQUIPMENT IN RETURN FOR CRUDE.

COMMENTING ON DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY WESTERN BUSINESSMEN IN GETTING CHINESE TO CHANGE LABELS AND PRODUCT DESIGN, PHILLIPS SAID CHINESE WILL EVENTUALLY ADAPT TO MEET NEEDS OF US MARKET. SOME INDUSTRIES NOW ALLOW DOUBLE LABELING, AND PRC TRADING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AGREED TO SEND REPS TO US TO LEARN AMERICAN MARKET. AS FOR FUTURE IMPACT OF WESTERN IDEAS AND TECHNOLOGY ON PRC, PHILLIPS SAID CHINA "WILL NOT BECOME ANOTHER JAPAN," NOTING CHINESE HAVE "ALWAYS ABSORBED CULTURAL INVASION." PREDICTS PRC WILL BECOME GREAT INDUSTRIAL

POWER IN NEXT 5-10 YEARS.

REUTER'S HOFFMAN REPORTS US INTELLIGENCE SOURCES BELIEVE PRC MAY BE PREPARING FOR NEW NUKE TEST IN ATMOSPHERE -- SECOND THIS YEAR AND CHINA'S SEVENTEENTH SINCE IT BEGAN TESTING 10 YEARS AGO. US EXPERTS SAY MOVEMENT OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITY NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH TESTING HAS BEEN DETECTED AT LOP NOR.

4. JAPAN

BUTTERFIELD (NYT - 2 PHOTOS) REPORTS FROM SOUTHERN JAPAN ON IMPACT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC SLUMP ON TRADITIONAL JAPANESE LABOR-MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. FORCED TO CUT PRODUCTION, FIRMS ARE TRYING TO REDUCE LABOR COSTS WITHIN LIMITS OF SYSTEM OF GUARANTEEING LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR WORKERS' LOYALTY. IN

CONFUCIAN VIEW, COMPANY IS EXTENSION OF FAMILY, NOT IMPERSONAL BUSINESS FIRM, AND NOT FREE LIKE US FIRMS TO LAY OFF WORKERS IN RECESSION.

TOSHIBA ELECTRONICS PLANT IN MATSUOKA (KYUSHU) IS FURLOUGHING ITS 1,400 EMPLOYEES FOR ONE WEEK THIS MONTH AT 90 PERCENT OF SALARY; IT DID SO FOR ONE WEEK IN SEPTEMBER, AND UNION LEADERS EXPECT MORE PAID
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FURLOUGHS IN COMING MONTHS. BUTTERFIELD REPORTS WORKERS ARE SATISFIED WITH PLAN, SO FAR, BUT COMPANY IS SENSITIVE ON ISSUE AND REFUSES TO DISCUSS DETAILS.

BUTTERFIELD QUOTES MATSUOKA PLANT UNION LEADER SAYING "SITUATION ISN'T TOSHIBA'S FAULT; IT IS AN ECONOMIC CRISIS; EVEN IF WE ATTACKED THE COMPANY IT WOULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM."

OTHER FIRMS ARE ADOPTING SIMILAR FURLOUGH SYSTEM, INCLUDING HITACHI AND SANYO, AND NISSAN. SUMITOMO ELECTRIC IS CUTTING SALARIES OF TOP 1,000 EXECUTIVES BY 10 PERCENT.

STILL, BUTTERFIELD NOTES SUCH EFFORTS ALREADY TOO COSTLY FOR SOME FIRMS. TOYOCO TEXTILE THIS WEEK ANNOUNCED "VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT" OF 2,330 EMPLOYEES, TEN PERCENT OF ITS WORK FORCE. LAID-OFF WORKERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION OF 60 PERCENT OF SALARIES FOR SIX MONTHS; AFTER THAT, NOTHING.

NORMALLY, BUTTERFIELD NOTES, JAPANESE WORKERS MUST RETIRE AT AGE 55, WITH LUMP-SUM PAYMENT FROM COMPANY OF 15-30,000 DOLS. AT AGE 60, THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MONTHLY SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, SIMILAR TO US SYSTEM.

PROUD POSTWAR STATISTIC OF LESS THAN ONE PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT IS SLIPPING, AS MANY FIRMS ALREADY HAVE DISMISSED MANY TEMPORARY AND PART-TIME WORKERS NOT COVERED BY LIFETIME GUARANTEE. BUTTERFIELD REPORTS UNEMPLOYMENT NOW UP TO 1.4 PERCENT (TINY BY US STANDARDS) WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIALS ESTIMATING FURTHER INCREASE TO 1.7 BY YEAR END, AND BEYOND THAT NEXT YEAR.

JOC REPORTS TANAKA SAYING IN MEETING WITH SIX LEADING

ECONOMIC EXPERTS TO DISCUSS URGENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING NATION THAT JAPAN MAY HAVE TO INTRODUCE UNCLASSIFIED

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INCOMES POLICY, DEPENDING ON FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. EXPERTS STRESS NEED FOR GOJ TO CONTINUE ANTI-INFLATION POLICY OF RESTRICTING DEMAND, BUT URGE DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-RECESSION POLICY, INCLUDING FINANCIAL AID TO HARDEST-HIT COMPANIES. EXPERTS ALSO URGE GOJ CONSIDER SOME FORM OF INCOMES POLICY TO HALT WAGE-PRICE SPIRAL.

TANAKA FEELS GOJ DIFFICULTY IN FINDING NEW REVENUES TO MEET SHARPLY INCREASED CIVIL SERVANT SALARIES MAY MAKE INCOMES POLICY NECESSARY. IS SURPRISING SHIFT OF FORMER GOJ POSITION REPEATED ONLY LAST WEEK BY YAMASHITA TO FOREIGN NEWSMEN THAT GOJ HAS NO INTENTION OF INTRODUCING INCOMES POLICY.

HERBERS (NYT OCT. 23) REPORTS PRES FORD CAMPAIGN VISIT TO OKLAHOMA CITY LEFT UNANSWERED QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON BEEF AND DAIRY PRODUCTS. SAYS SEN. BELLMON TOLD PRESS, AFTER MEETING BETWEEN PRES AND DISTRESSED CATTLEMEN, THAT FORD PROMISED TO SUPPORT BEEF AND DAIRY IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AFTER JAN. 1. CHECKING QUICKLY WITH PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, WH SPOKESMAN NESSEN DENIED STATEMENT FROM SAME PODIUM AND ISSUED CLARIFICATION THAT FORD ONLY TOLD CATTLEMEN HE WOULD DISCUSS BEEF IMPORTS WITH BUTZ, AND WOULD ASK JAPANESE TO INCREASE IMPORTS OF US BEEF.

HALLORAN (NYT OCT. 23) REPORTS FROM KANAZAWA THAT

RESIDENTS OF THIS OLD CASTLE TOWN ON SEA OF JAPAN COAST ARE HAPPY THAT RECENT SURGE IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT HAS PASSED THEM BY, LEAVING THEIR CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT RELATIVELY INTACT. THEY ARE PROUD OF THEIR ROLE AS CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER OF HOKURIKU REGION. THEY SEEM CONTENT WITH FEW LIGHT INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS TEXTILES AND METAL WORKING, AND THEY CARRY ON CENTURIES-OLD TRADITION OF KEEPING DISTANCE FROM POLITICAL CENTER, AND CULTIVATING ARTS AND CRAFTS. STILL, PERVASIVE INFLUENCE OF MASS MEDIA, NATIONAL STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND NATURAL HOMOGENIETY OF JAPANESE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOCIETY ARE WORKING TO PRODUCE CHANGES, EVEN IN TRADITIONAL FAMILY SYSTEM. AFFLUENCE, AND NOW INFLATION, ALSO AFFECT REGION. PEOPLE WELCOME TANAKA PROGRAM TO BUILD NEW HIGHWAYS AND HIGH SPEED

RAILWAYS; BUT HALLORAN FINDS THEM OPPOSING RELOCATION OF HEAVY INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD DISRUPT THEIR WAY OF LIFE.

5. INDONESIA

GARUDA AIRWAYS ANNOUNCES ORDER FOR THREE MORE MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC-9 JET TRANSPORTS FOR SERVICE ON DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ROUTES (JOC).

6. PHILIPPINES

ACCORDING OFFICIAL REPORTS, CONTINUING GUERRILLA WARFARE WAGED BY MAOIST-LED DISSIDENTS ROAMING LUZON MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN HAS CAUSED DEATHS OF AT LEAST NINE PERSONS, INCLUDING AMERICAN LANDOWNER, IN LAST TWO WEEKS. AMEMBASSY SAYS PETER JAMES GRANT, FORMERLY OF LOGANSPORT, IND., WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY ARMED BAND ON HIS FARM IN CASTILLA TOWN, ALBAY PROVINCE, AFTER HE REPORTEDLY FAILED TO GIVE THEM 100 DOLS CONTRIBUTION THEY HAD DEMANDED (NYT).

NYT'S LELYVELD, IN MANILA, REPORTS HOW INFLATION BEDEVILS POOR IN PHILIPPINES. MARCOS REGIME HAS MANAGED TO LIMIT RISE IN RICE PRICE THROUGH SUBSIDIES, HAS TIGHTENED CREDIT AND MODERATED PACE OF ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT SPENDING IN ORDER TO GET HANDLE ON INFLATION -- WHICH IT BLAMES ON WORLD ECON CRISIS. BUT NOTHING IN EXPERIENCE OF POVERTY-STRICKEN POPULACE LEADS THEM TO EXPECT THEIR SITUATION WILL IMPROVE.

7. A/NZ

JOC REPORTS FROM CANBERRA THAT TANAKA IS EXPECTED TO AGREE TO VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS ON JAPANESE AUTO EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA DURING HIS VISIT THERE NEXT WEEK.
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GOA SOURCES SUGGEST EXPORTS WILL BE HELD TO FY 73-74 LEVEL WHICH SHOWED 50 PERCENT GROWTH OVER PREVIOUS YEAR. JOC QUOTES CAIRNS TELLING PARLIAMENT, "WE HAVE NOT WANTED TO CREATE PROBLEMS, IF WE CAN POSSIBLY AVOID THEM, BY IMPOSING ANY KIND OF RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE IMPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE WOULD NOT READILY ACCEPT THEMSELVES. CONSEQUENTLY, DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE ABOUT MOTOR CARS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS AND WE ARE REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THEM." JOC ALSO NOTES SURPRISING REVELATION BY CAIRNS THAT HE TRIED TO INTEREST PRC IN BUYING LEYLAND MOTOR VEHICLES AND PLANT FROM ZETLAND MANUFACTURING PLANT ABOUT TO BE CLOSED IN SYDNEY;

BUT PRC WISHES TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN PLANT, AND P76 CARS OFFERED DID NOT MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

AUSSIE AMBASSADOR TO UN, WHEN CONSULTED ON PROBLEM OF CHICAGO POLICE INABILITY TO CORRAL LOOSE KANGAROO FIRST SIGHTED OCT 18, SUGGESTS GETTING "BIG NET" (CSM).

ROWLING ANNOUNCES STIFF PROGRAM OF COMPULSORY SAVINGS, REDUCED WAGE HIKES AND NEW TAXES TO COMBAT INFLATION (AP WP, NYDN). THREATENS TO RAISE TAXES IF UNIONS DON'T AGREE TO REDUCE SCHEDULED 7-8 PCT COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE DUE IN JAN (WSJ).

WOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN SAYS NZ EXPECTS TO SELL MOST OF CLIP DESPITE POOR QUALITY DUE TO WET WEATHER AND LOW PRICES, BUT CALLS FOR "PROTECTIVE MEASURES" TO PREVENT INFLATION AND POOR PROFITS FROM LEADING TO DROP IN PRODUCTION. PM TELLS PARLIAMENT GNZ WOULD NOT HESITATE TO ASSIST SHEEP FARMERS IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTED (JOC LONDON).

GOA BEGINS LOOKING AT SERIES OF NEW ECON MOVES IN LIGHT OF RISING INFLATION, INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT AND RAPIDLY DECLINING BUSINESS CONFIDENCE. WHILAM RULES OUT SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BEFORE XMAS, THOUGH TRADE UNIONS PRESS FOR ACTION. TRADE UNION COUNCIL PRES SAYS HAS DISCUSSED FORM OF TAX INDEXATION WITH GOVT TO GO WITH WAGE INDEXATION EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED THROUGH
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CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION BEFORE YEAR'S
END. CABINET ALSO LOOKED AT PENALTY TAX ON EMPLOYERS
CONCEDING TOO-HIGH WAGE INCREASES (JOC).

8. SOVIET PACIFIC TESTS

USSR ANNOUNCES NEW SERIES OF ROCKET TESTS IN PACIFIC
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. DOD SAYS TESTS INCLUDED
FIRING OF ICBM (AP, NYT; GLOBE). DURING TESTS USSR
FIRED MISSILE 5700 MILES INTO MID-PACIFIC (UPI, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

IN THIRD OF FOUR-PART SERIES, S-N'S BRADSHER (OCT 23)
REPORTS THAT IN FOUR COUNTRIES (THAILAND INCLUDED AS
FOURTH) UNDER DIRECT OR INDIRECT MIL PRESSURE FROM NVN,
GOVT OFFICIALS ARE UNABLE TO SEE ANY SLACKENING OF
COMMUNIST THREAT SINCE C-F. SOURCES ARE CONVINCED THAT,
AT MOST, HANOI HAS VARIED ITS TACTICS, POSSIBLY SLOWING

DOWN ITS TIMETABLE, BUT GOAL REMAINS CONTROL OF INDOCHINA.
BRADSHER ASSERTS OFFICIALS TEND TO WORK ON SIMPLE
ASSUMPTION THEY ARE UNDER ATTACK FROM NVN, WHETHER
BECAUSE OF HISTORIC VIET EXPANSIONISM OR MODERN COMMUNISM
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE, AND THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE ON
SUBTLETIES. SAYS SEARCH FOR LOCAL EXPERTS ON NVN AFFAIRS
TURNS UP ALMOST NO ONE WHO BOTHERS TO ANALYZE SHIFTS IN
HANOI PRONOUNCEMENTS; ONLY FOREIGN EXPERTS, MOSTLY AMERICAN,
DO THAT.

MAJOR PORTION OF BRADSHER ARTICLE DEVOTED TO OBSERVATIONS
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY OTHER JOURNALISTS INDICATING HANOI
IS CONCERNED WITH GRAVE DOMESTIC ECON PROBLEMS AND PLACING
WAR IN SVN IN SECOND PRIORITY, THAT COMMUNIST CAMPS IN
CAMBODIA AND LAOS ARE DIVIDED, THAT PRC IS COMPETING WITH
NVN FOR INFLUENCE IN INDOCHINA, AND THAT SOVIETS ARE KNOWN
RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE MUCH MIL EQUIPMENT, THUS DISCOURAGING
ANY REVERSION TO LARGE-SCALE WARFARE BY HANOI.

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BRADSHER CONCLUDES THAT PERCEPTION OF WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST
CONSPIRACY ACTING THROUGH HANOI TO TAKEOVER SEA HAS FADED
AWAY FROM MANY PLACES WHERE IT EXISTED IN MID-60S; BUT FOR

INDOCHINESE AND THAI LEADERS STILL RESISTING AGGRESSION, THIS DISTINCTION IS SECONDARY TO WHAT SEEMS CONTINUED NVN THREATS.

CSM SEES THIEU FACING BIGGEST CHALLENGE YET AS BUDDHISTS, RCS, STUDENTS, PRESS, AND OTHERS STEP UP THEIR ATTACKS ON HIS LEADERSHIP. NOTES THAT AMID GROWING TURMOIL, US APPEARS KEEPING HANDS OFF. CSM VIEWS SUCH POLICY AS PRUDENT. SAYS SVN SITUATION IS DICEY ONE OF OBVIOUS CONCERN TO US POLICYMAKERS - BUT ONE THAT MUST BE LEFT TO S VIETS TO WORK OUT FOR THEMSELVES.

10. CHINA

CSM'S HARSCH REFERS TO ASSERTION BY VICE CHAIRMAN OF NPC'S STANDING COMMITTEE, WHILE GREETING DELEGATION OF FRG PARLIAMENTARIANS, EXPRESSING SYMPATHY WITH BONN'S "RESOLUTE OPPOSITION TO A PERMANENT SPLIT OF THE GERMAN NATION." HARSCH NOTES PEKING HAS GROWN ACCUSTOMED EVER SINCE NIXON VISIT TO SPEAK WITH INCREASING FRIENDLINESS OF NATO ALLIANCE BECAUSE FROM CHINESE VIEWPOINT IT IS EMINENTLY DESIRABLE THERE BE STRONG AND SELF-RELIANT POWER ON FAR SIDE OF USSR; SO LONG AS NATO IS ACTIVE, VITAL, AND EFFECTIVE THERE IS NO DANGER OF MOSCOW BEING ABLE TO EXPAND ITS POWER WESTWARD. HOWEVER, CHINESE SEE REUNITED GERMANY AS COUNTERPOISE TO USSR SHOULD

NATO FALL APART.

GLOBE AND MAIL'S JOHN BURNS IN PEKING (CSM) WRITES SHORT FEATURE ON PEOPLE'S DAILY. NOTE IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINES OF COMPETITION AND POPULAR TASTE THAT DICTATE FORMAT OF PAPERS IN DEMOCRACIES. SAYS AS OFFICIAL ORGAN OF CCP, IT IS NOT SO MUCH NEWSPAPER IN WESTERN SENSE AS INSTRUMENT OF PROPAGANDA.

11. THAILAND

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IN BANGKOK DATELINED DISPATCH, S-N'S BRADSHER (OCT 23) CONTRASTS VIEWPOINTS OF THANAT KHOMAN AND FM CHATICHAI AS REPRESENTING EXTREMES OF THAI DEBATE ABOUT PROBLEM OF HANOI-BACKED INSURGENCY IN COUNTRY AND US AIRBASES THERE. THANAT, ONCE LEADING ADVOCATE OF US ROLE IN INDOCHINA AND DIRECT THAI PARTICIPATION, NOW HOLDS THAT IF US MIL STILL IN THAILAND WERE SENT HOME, THAI INSURGENCY WOULD END. CHATICHAI DISAGREES, NOTING THERE WAS COMMUNIST GUERRILLA WARFARE AGAINST RTG BEFORE US FORCES ARRIVED AND INSISTING THERE WOULD STILL BE INSURGENCY IF THEY

ALL LEFT. BRADSHER SEES ARGUMENT ABOUT THAI FUTURE
ATTITUDE TOWARD US BASES AND INSURGENCY PROBLEM CONTINUING
AS COUNTRY PREPARES FOR FEB ELECTIONS. INGERSOLL

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